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A Glimpse of Current Legislation & Critical Issues:

Save our Parks

Legislation to Protect State Parks

Current law allows the DNR to declare any land it owns as "surplus land" and is then able to put the surplus land up for sale.

Legislation was introduced this week that would mandate the State Advisory Committee to review the DNR's proposal to sell a state park.

The proposed legislation would require the sale proposal to be passed by ¾ of the board before it would be allowed to come before the legislature.

This bill would no longer allow the DNR to sell a park solely at its own discretion; it would take a special act of the legislature to approve such a sale.

Senator Garcia is a co-sponsor for this legislation.

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses

via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.